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Applicant: George Goicoechea et al.
Filed: October 24, 2003
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TC/A.U.: 3731
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- Decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in *Boston Scientific Scimed, Inc. v. Medtronic Vascular, Inc.*, No. 2006-1434, dated August 8, 2007 (affirming the Memorandum Opinion and Final Judgment of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in *Scimed Life Systems, Inc. v. Medtronic Vascular, Inc. and Eric C. Martin*, Civil Case No. 01-2015 (RJL) dated March 31, 2006).

A copy of the decision is attached. The decision was an appeal from a decision (previously submitted) of the USPTO Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ("Board") dated July 27, 2001 in Interference No. 104,192, which involved an application of Andrew H. Cragg and Michael D. Dake that is familialy related to the present application.

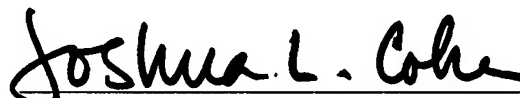
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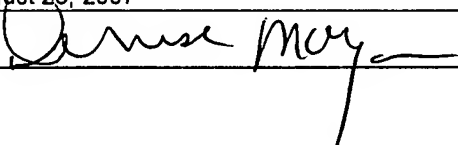
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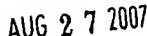
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